



Surf Coast Shire Council Kindergarten Programs

How to apply for your child's place in 2024

**ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR 2024 KINDERGARTEN PLACES OPENS
MONDAY 10TH APRIL 2023**

**Surf Coast Shire Council kindergartens offer free kindergarten up to
15 hours**

To apply for a kindergarten program please go to:

surfcoast.vic.gov.au/kinder

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- **Torquay Kindergarten** Children's Hub, Grossmans Road, Torquay
- **Kurrambee Myaring Kindergarten**, Merrijig Drive, Torquay
- **Jan Juc Preschool**, Bob Pettitt Reserve, Jan Juc
- **Anglesea Kindergarten**, McMillian Street, Anglesea
- **Helen Mary Kininmonth Kindergarten**, Hesse Street, Winchelsea
- **Lorne Kindergarten**, Smith Street, Lorne

Follow the instructions for completing the form online.

Please note: make sure all required documentation is in electronic form and saved on your computer before starting your application. All required documentation must be uploaded at the time of applying. If it is not up to date or attached, you will be placed on a waiting list until we receive the documentation.

Families have until 18 June 2023 to submit their form to be considered for first round offers. Applications received after 18 June 2023 will be processed in September 2023, once round one applications have been confirmed.

Kindergarten applicants will be notified and offered session options before the end of Term Three.

During your application you will need to provide your child's birth certificate/passport, Immunisation History Statement from Medicare (We CANNOT accept copies of your maternal child health book or a Doctor's Statement), and fee subsidy card (if applicable).

Any further queries please refer to Council's website or email centralapplication@surfcoast.vic.gov.au

Timelines

Critical information and dates

Applications open: 10 April 2023.

Applications close: 18 June 2023.

Applications are not prioritised by date order. Council operates a priority of access system only if groups exceed capacity. See application form regarding the priority of access.

Three-Year-Old Kindergarten

To be eligible for a place in state funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten your child must have turned three years of age by 30 April. If your child has not turned three by this date, you will be offered a place but cannot start until your child turns 3 years old. Children will only be able to access one year of Government Funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten. Families with children born between January and April are strongly recommended to consider the best time for their child to access Three-Year-Old kindergarten, as this will impact on their one year of Four-Year-Old kindergarten and their school starting age. e.g. If you access three-year-old kindergarten in 2024, your child will transition to Four-Year-Old Kindergarten in 2025, then school in 2026.

Four-Year-Old kindergarten

To be eligible for a place in state funded Four-Year-Old kindergarten, your child must have turned four years of age by 30 April. Children will only be able to access one year of Government Funded Four-Year-Old Kindergarten and will transition to school the following year, unless your child is assessed as being eligible for a second year of Four-Year-Old Kindergarten (when a child shows delays in at least two key outcomes of learning and development as assessed by your child's kindergarten teacher).

Applications without supporting documentation will be placed on a waiting list until the documentation is received.

You must provide your child's birth certificate, Immunisation History Statement (copies of originals not copies of your maternal child health book or a Doctor's Statement), and fee subsidy card (if applicable).

Your child's place will be confirmed by the end of September 2023.

If you require support with your online application, for example, you are unable to scan and upload completed required documents, please email centralapplication@surfcoast.vic.gov.au for over the phone support or to arrange a time to come in and use the public computer based at the Torquay Children's Hub or Kurrambee Myaring Community Centre.